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1. THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S (PCI) SECRETARIAT ISSUED ON JULY 13 A STATEMENT SHARPLY CONDEMNING THE TRIALS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE SECRETARIAT'S STATEMENT CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE LINE EXPRESSED IN THE L'UNITA COMMENTARY OF JULY 11 (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH, COMING DIRECTLY
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FROM WITHIN THE PARTY HIERARCHY, IT HAS MORE WEIGHT.

2. THE SECRETARIAT STATEMENT, AFTER NOTING THAT ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OPPOSED TO ANTI-SOVIET MANIFESTATIONS, EXPRESSES PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THE TRIALS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AGAINST A GROUP OF INDIVIDAULS BECAUSE OF THEIR PERSONAL CONVICTIONS. IN THE VIEW OF THE

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SECRETARIAT, THESE CONVICTIONS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OFJUDICIAL PROCESSES. THE STATEMENT ALSO NOTES THAT THE ABSENCE OF PUBLICITY AND THE CLOSED NATURE OF THE TRIALS DO NOT CONSITUTE A GUARANTEE OF THE CORRECT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. FINALLY THE STATEMENT OBSERVES THAT ANY STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO DEFEND ITS SECURITY AND ITS INSTITUTIONS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SECURING FOR ITS CITIZENS FULL HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, AND ITS NOTES THAT THESE NORMS ARE EVEN MORE VALID FOR A SOCIALIST STATE.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOW REVEALED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI INVITED SOVIET AMBASSADOR RYZHOV TO CALL ON HIM ON JULY 11. DURING THE CONVERSATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE TRANSMISSION OF PRESIDENT PERTINI'S LETTER TO SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV, FORLANI REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED TO THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE THE GRAVE CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND OF ITALIAN PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE TRIALS WHICH ARE ATAKING PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION. GARDNER

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